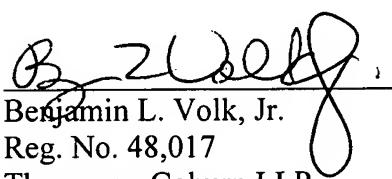


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Remarks:

Pending in this application at the time of the outstanding Office Action were claims 9-19, 33-36, 40, 41, and 53-118. The outstanding Office Action (1) allowed claims 87-90 and 112-118, and (2) identified claims 62, 63, and 92-111 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form (see Office Action, page 8). By this amendment, Applicant (1) cancels claims 9-19, 33-36, 40, 41, 53-61, 64-86, and 91 without prejudice, and (2) amends claims 62 and 92 into independent form. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The currently pending claims are now claims 62, 63, and 92-118. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims via one or more continuation or continuation-in-part patent applications. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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